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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9440

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PASS DEPT JUSTICE FOR JIM HERGEN

E.O. 12065: NA

TAGS: CDES (PEOPLES TEMPLE), GY

SUBJ: US TENTATIVE DECISION NOT TO INSTITUTE LITIGATION

AGAINST PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA

REF: JUSTICE/HERGEN APRIL 7 LETTER TO GEORGETOWN/DWYER

1. PER REFERENCE, CHARGE CONVEYED TO GUYANESE SOLICITOR GENERAL
SABOLA ON APRIL 11 DECISION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT US NOT
INSTITUTE LITIGATION IN GUYANA BASED ON RECEIVER'S ASSURANCES
THAT HE WILL TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION THROUGH LOCAL ATTORNEY.
SABOLA [REDACTED] ASKED

THAT IT BE CONVEYED TO HIM IN WRITING.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FOLLOWING
SUBSTANTIAL LANGUAGE TO BE USED IN LETTER FROM CHARGE TO
SOLICITOR GENERAL: BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE HAS TENTATIVELY DETERMINED NOT TO INITIATE LITIGATION
IN GUYANA AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN THE NAME OF
THE UNITED STATES AT THIS TIME. THIS DECISION WAS BASED
UPON THE CALIFORNIA PEOPLE'S TEMPLE RECEIVER'S ASSURANCES
THAT HE, THROUGH COUNSEL REMAINED IN GUYANA. WILL ACT

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VIGOROUSLY IN GUYANA TO ASSERT ALL AVAILABLE DEFENSES;
PROTECT AVAILABLE TEMPLE ASSETS; AND TEST THE ACCURACY OF
ALL DAMAGE CLAIMS. IN CONSEQUENCE, THE UNITED STATES DOES
NOT NOW INTEND EITHER TO OPPOSE OR TO OTHERWISE INTERFERE
WITH THE RECEIVER'S LITIGATION EFFORTS IN GUYANA. END TEXT.

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